## From All Sides Official Reports Continue to Show Heavy Casualties

Bethune and other towns in Northern France have received attention from FRENCH FORWARD MOVEMENT the German airmen.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PARIS, December 23.—The action between the armies seems to have been transferred to the end of the line away from Flanders. In the latter locality there is every indication that both troops are profiting from heavy fogs and other unfavorable meteorogical conditions to obtain a much-needed rest, after fighting themselves almost into a state of exhaustion.

Between the Meuse and the Argonne forest, however, the French have had almost universal success, meeting with only one check to their onward progress. The district where the Germans appear to have checked the French, if not to have wor a victory over them, if not to have wor a victory over them, if not to have won a victory over them.

appear to have checked the French if not to have won a victory over them, is in the vicinity of Boureuilles, where on Monday the French infantry and hire to Labasses. Since December 20. Marine Fusilers attacked and gained a foethold in the first line of German treaches, following this up yesterday with further appreciable progress. Totrenches, following this up yestermy with further appreciable progress. To-day the War Office admits that the Germans have railied here, and that the outcome seems to be "fairly se-the outcome seems to be seems to b

The engagements all along the line are being marked by conspicuous gallantry on both sides. The French are fighting like a horde of onrushing demons, and the Germans are reported to be meeting all assaults with a splendid courage that commands the admiration saw, opinious.

"Attacks to the north of Sollierie, southeast of Rheims, at Souain and Porthes, have been partly repelled by us, with heavy losses to the French. "The situation in East and West Paussia is unchanged.

"Battles for the possession of the branches of Brura River (west of Warsaw) continue. t commands the admiration

In the fighting around the woods of Forgen, the French have used the bayonet with great success. By a se-

lights which play constantly over the barbed wire defenses, ercep up to the barrier itself, and, with their strong PROGRESS ALMOST hand pliers, cut a broad pathway through, which will enable the main through, which will enable the main army to take up again its bayonet charges and rifle fighting at almost point-blank range.

PARIS, December 23 (10:40 P. M.).—
The following official communication was issued to-night:
"The progress made through our at-

hope of success, and gave back only a few yards at a time. The gunners in one section of the German rapid-fire batteries served their pieces until

## OBITUARY

## William Overton Day. Funeral services for William Over-

ton Day, fifty-three years old, who died at his residence, 316 Chamberlayne Avenue, Ginter Park, yesterday morn-Riverview Cemetery. Rev. J. A. Winn, pastor of Barton Heights Methodist

time had been in poor health. He was one of the most widely-known and RUSSIAN TROOPS popular retail salesmen in Richmond. For the past twenty-nine years he had been connected with the firm of Miller & Rhoads. For a long time was buyer in the china department of that continue the china department of the china department o

Besides a widow, Mr. Day leaves four daughters: Misses Alice, Blanche, Virginia and Katharine. He also leaves two brothers: J. C. Day, of thehmond, and S. T. Day, of Waynesboro; and two sisters: Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. Priddy, both of Richmond.

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casionally dropping bombs. Bruges and completely surrounded by the great Brussels have been visited by aviators numbers of the French, who took them from the ranks of the allies, while prisoners and seized their guns.

BERLIN, December 23.—That the at-ALLIES MEET ONE CHECK
IN ONWARD PROGRESS in Belgium were easily repulsed by the Germans; that the French troops

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"The situation on the right bank of the River Pilica remains unchanged."

NORTHERN END OF LINE bayonet with great success. By a series of dashing and impetuous charges they succeeded in penetrating to the barbed-wire entanglements of the Germans at the salient east of Oulsy, and to-night are resting on their arms before these defenses. It is probable that to-morrow's fighting will be through these barbed-wire entanglements, as the French soldiers are specializing in night attacks on such impediments to their progress.

As on Tuesday night in this same region, it is expected that the French soldiers are greater than the forest of Lagruie. Near Boureuilles, however, the PARIS, December 23 (2:25 P. M.) .region, it is expected that the French Grule. Near Boureuilles, however, the scouts will be able to clude the search- French apparently lost to the Ger-

ENTIRELY MAINTAINED PARIS, December 23 (10:40 P. M.) .-

The greatest progress made by the French has been in the vicinity of Pertherles-Hurlins, on the western edge entirely maintained. According to the region of Pertherles-Hurius, on the western cage of the Argonne forest, where violent fighting enabled them to gain 800 has reached the barbed wire entangle-yards. The French infantry emerged from this conflict with fresh laurels of the enemy at the salient angle southwest of the wood of Forgett angl for courage and resourcefulness, while cleast of Ouisy) and lined the road the Germans, although beaten back, stood their ground until there was no "There is no other notable incident "There is no other notable incident to report."

## GERMAN ATTACK MADE IN EASTERN WAR THEATRE

BERLIN, December 23 (via London, 45 P. M.).—A report from the German army headquarters in the field states that a German attack has been made in the eastern war arena, but whether the operations were directed against the Russian rear or main line

is not stated.
"The situation in Galicia," the report ing at 4:33 o'clock, will be conducted says, "has cleared. The Russians are this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from holding the east bank of the Dunajec the residence. Interment will be in of Tarnow). Another Russian line ex-tends to the southeast of Krosno (on the railroad between Jazlo and Sanok). Mr. Day had been confined to his bed for about three weeks, but for some time had been to receive the services.

Heavy fighting is going on at both Tuchow and Krosno, and also at Bupkow Pass."

MOVING TOWARD CRACOW PETROGRAD, December 23 (via Lonin the china department of that con-cern.

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Western Poland, near Cracow.

## "MAKING OF ARMY" (Continued from First Page).

STEGER.—The funeral of MRS, GEOR-GIE STEGER, who died at \$:45, P.
M. on Tuesday, December 22, will be held at 11 A. M. TO-DAY (Thursday)
DECEMBER 24, from the residence of her nephew, Mr. G. Calton Jackson, 619
Noble Avenue, Ginter Park.

Couragement suited to their needs and the nation's.

The older men and the officers will tell you that if the allowances are made more liberal, we shall get all the men we want. But the younger men of the new army do not worry about their allowances, or, for that matter, make 'em!'

IN MEMORIAM

BUTLER.—In loving remembrance of wife and mother, EMMA MURRAY BUTLER, who entered eternal life December 23, 1909.

HUSBAND AND CHILDREN,

## ON EIGHTY-MILE FRONT

uation appears to stand to-day, the al-lies in the west continue more on the offensive than defensive, and every day shows slight gains to their credit

It is believed that notwithstanding the failure of the plan for an armis-tice over Christmas, some sort of a lull will set in Christmas Day itself.
London newspapers have decided un-animously not to publish on Christmas Day, and the official press bureau will suspend its activities from the after-man of December 24 until the evening

of December 25.

enemy are given as follows:	
Sept. 1.	Dec. 15
Aisne100	55
Aube 7	0
Ardennes	100
Marne 90	12
Meuse 55	30
Somme 50	60
Neurthe et Moselle 70	25
Nord 80	60
Olse 55	8
Pas de Calais 35	30
Seine and Marne 20	0
Vosges 20	2

W. C. Maxwell.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

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[CHARLOTTE, N. C. December 23.—

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\*\*TORN LETTER GIVES\*\*

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## Austrian Emperor Is Reported Dying

ROME, December 23 (4:50 P. M.).

A rumor is in circulation here that
Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary is dying. The report has it that the Emperor-King has received the last sacraments.

## YOUNG GIRL LEAPS TEN STORIES TO INSTANT DEATH

(Continued from First Page).

Trenches Is Fearful—New Gains for Allies in West.

LONDON, December 23.—The eightymile front in Russian Poland west of Warsaw, where Germans and Russians are at grips on the banks of the Bzura, Rawka and Pilica Rivers continues to be the scene, of the most desperate facting in either the castern or western war areas.

When weather conditions are recalled, the sufferings of the men in the trenches may, to some extent, be appreciated. The country is experiencing winter's full force.

Each side has sustained tremendous losses in this battle of the rivers, and although the Germans claim to have forced the Russian line at a number of points, it is nevertheless a fact, according to reports reaching London, that the Russian front has been straightened out, and it is difficult to vizualize which contender has the strategic advantage.

Again there come trickling through from Holland reports of vast movements of German forces from the casting and the west. A dispatch reaching here from Amsterdam says thousands of German forces from the casting and the west. A dispatch reaching here from Amsterdam says thougands of German forces from the casting and the west. A dispatch reaching here from Amsterdam says thougands of German forces from the casting and the west. A dispatch reaching for ments of German forces from the casting and the west. A dispatch reaching for ments of German forces from the casting and the west. A dispatch reaching for ments of German forces from the casting and the west. A dispatch reaching for ments of German forces from the casting and the west. A dispatch reaching for ments of German forces from the casting and the west activity may be the fore-time. That activity may be the fore-time. The force of Emperor william, or it may simply be intended to offser reinforcements Great Britain has been throwing lately into the French field of hostilities. As the situation appears to stand to-day, the al-

or sister, and received replies stating that they would arrive in Richmond this morning. The brothers communicated the news to their mother and sisters, and received replies stating that they would arrive in Richmond this morning. The brothers communicated the news to their mother and sisters.

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family or personal affairs. She is said
to have been fond of parties and entertainments, and to have received
some company.

Miss Smith received her earlier edu

of December 25.

Thousands of tons of Christmas presents have been sent to all the fronts. The distribution and enjoyment of those gifts is another argument for the probable suspension of hostilities wherever that is possible.

Miss Smith received her earlier education at the Presbyterian school at Labarium Springs, N. C., according to a friend who was seen last night. Her family is said to have been well-to-do, but to have suffered considerable trouble from various sources.

According to Bigger, Miss Smith had

INVADING GERMAN HOSTS

ARE BEING DRIVEN BACK

Figures From Various French Department Show They Have Lost Half of Conquered Territory.

HAVRE, December 21.—A comparison of the situation in mid-December with that on September 1 shows that the allies have recovered about half of the territory once occupied by the Germans, according to French figures. The percentages of the territory of each of twelve French departments or provinces held then and now by the enemy are given as follows:

Trouble from various sources.

According to Bigger, Miss Smith had been complaining for several days, and had left the house about 3:15 o'clock, saying that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Bigger offered to accompany her, knowing that she was going to see a physician. Miss Big

NOTEBOOK CONTAINS TWO TELEPHONE NUMBERS

In removing the body to an undertaker's establishment. Policemen Oliver Marcuson and Posenau, who were the first officers to arrive on the scene, found a small silver vanity case. The case was crushed, and bore no marks which could be used for identification purposes. In the case was found 21 cents, a small powder-puff and a cel-luloid tablet, on which there were two telephone numbers.

The numbers, when traced by a rep-Since these figures were compiled, the allies have reported further material gains along practically the whole battle line, which further decrease the percentage of invaded territory still held by the Germans.

Street, and Mrs. Mamie Bass, 523-A North Tenth Street. Each of these houses are boarding-houses for students of the Medical College of Virginia, and each of the proprietors depinia, and each of the proprietors de-

Better order early-HOLSUM Pan Bis-

# they purpose to do much, very much, more. But they also think. They think it tile that so many unmarried young the elighbors, Georgianna Acors, whilliam Patrick Brett. Special to The Thines-Dispatch. NEWFORT NEWS, Use December 228—William Patrick Brett, Red Beverenty-four years, a pioneer clizen and one of the oldest employes of the Section of the collect employes of the Section of the Chestal technic time entered the employ of the steamship line for which he had worked cordinates will be held towners will be held towners will be held towners will be held towners. DEATHS CRONTON—Ded, at her residence, 5 comber 22 at 2 Art. Westendary, December 2 a Should be in every stocking And you'll find the widest selection, in plain gold and silver mounted, here,

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915 East Main Street, Richmond, Va. The Richmond Home of Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens. that this letter was in one of the girl's jacket pockets. Portions of it were missing, but several lines could be DAMAGE NEAR BORDER

Jacket pockets. Portions of it were missing, but several lines could be read by the police. The letter was addressed to some one by the name of Taylor, in care of a private box. No postmark could be found on the portion of envelope. That portion of the letter which could be read said:

"I have been visiting with cousins and aunts, and did not have my mail sent to the rural delivery. As soon as I get home (probably to-night) I will be glad to write one of those long letters—." Then follows a break in the letter, which continues on the back of the page, "be in a rapture of anticipation until my letter arrives. I promise a good one. Until that time, sincerely, H. E. B." There is no date on the bits of letter found near the body. The paper appears to be a leaf torn from a school blankbook, and the writing, to all appearances, is that of writing, to all appearances, is that of a school child.

The suicide was neatly dressed, and

her clothing was of good quality. She had dark blue eyes, dark brown hair and a dark complexion. She wore a black plush hat with a single feather in it, a dark green sport coat, and a dark blue skirt at the time she leaped from the window. SCHWAB BREAKS CONTRACTS FOR BUILDING SUBMARINES

Amounting to \$25,000,000.

CONGRESS TAKES RECESS

along."

damage and destruction.

Dozens of ranch dwellings were destroyed in the vicinity of Amado. Two Marketing Work drawned there, after cels Order for Construction Work Mexicans were drowned there, after they had hung in the branches of trees for hours awaiting rescue. At Bischee floods poured through the [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Persons Known to Have Lost Their Lives-Ranch Houses and Residences Washed Away.

TUCSON, ARIZ., December 23 .-Floods, resulting from a week of practically unbroken rainfall, has inflicted severe damage on nearly the entire area between Phoenix and the Mexican border. Three persons are known to have lost their lives, hundreds of head of live stock have been drowned, ranch houses and city residences have been wrecked or washed away by torrents roaring through what usually are dry canons, and traffic by rail, highway and wire either has been badly crippled or completely suspended.

The most serious damage seems to have resulted in that part of the Santa Cruz Valley thirty miles south of here. The Santa Cruz River attained a width of more than a mile and a half to-day, and the crest of the flood, after sweeping through Amado and the surround-ing farming region, reached Tucson to-day, sweeping out bridges and houses and threatening to work further

## TO REOPEN ON JANUARY 4

London Stock Exchange Fixes Date for Resumption of Business LONDON, December 28 (7:80 P. M.). -It was officially announced this evening that the London Stock Exchange

ning that the London Stock Exchange will reopen January 4.

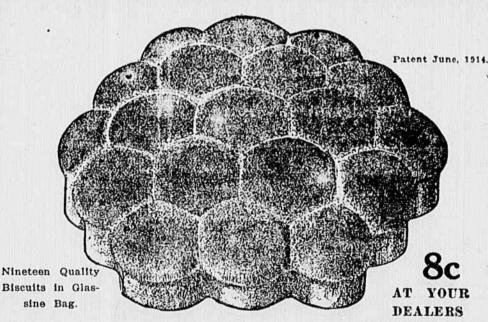
The conduct of business, however, will be restricted by stringent regulations imposed by the Treasury in the interest of the nation. The exchange has been closed since the outbreak of the war. Regulations under which the exchange will operate include the following: Dealings, except for cash, will be prohibited, the present minimum price lists are to be maintained and extended to all transactions recorded: a broker at the time of selling securities must show that he possesses or controls them; no dealings in new issues will be allowed unless approved by the Treasury; no member will be allowed to bid for or offer stocks openly in the market; no member will be ly in the market; no member will be permitted to negotiate the purchase or sale "of shares dealt in on the or sale of shares deat in on the American market at a less price than the English equivalent of the New York closing price of July 30, only British-born or naturalized members or clerks will be admitted to the ex-

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 23.—"I am ready to make a frank confession now of my trip to Europe," declared Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethiehem Steel Corporation, when he returned to-day on the Lusitania.

"My one and only reason for visiting England was to cancel contracts I had received for the construction of several submarines for different European nasibumarines for different [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]





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